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Training Centres for Disabled People
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to create awareness among the differently abled persons about various welfare schemes meant for them;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the nature of training being imparted to these people in various States along with the details of such training centres, State-wise
(d) whether the Government proposes to establish new training centres or start training curriculum; and
(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) and (b): Steps taken by the Department inter-alia to create awareness among the differently abled persons (Divyangjan) about various welfare schemes meant for them are as under:-
(i) The scheme of Awareness Generation & Publicity has been launched in the year 2015-16, the prime objective is to educate the Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) and create awareness of their rights and to sensitise them of the schemes and programmes run by this Department for their empowerment.

(ii) During the Mega camps held at various places in the country for distribution of aids and assistive devices, job fairs for the Divyangjans it is also emphasised about the various schemes and programmes of the Department for empowerment of Divyangjans.

(iii) With a view to create awareness among the general public, the Department has organized "Rahagiri" in Delhi on 01.02.2015 and Gurugram (Haryana) on 19.04.2015 exhibiting the various skills of Divyangjans.

(iv) There are seven disability specific National Institutes under this Department located at Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Secunderabad, Cuttack, Dehradun which also undertake awareness generation programmes at their level. These Institutes and other organizations like National Trust, Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), and National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) etc under this Department also organize awareness programmes for Divyangjan.

(v) The Department also organizes awareness workshops to sensitize people about accessibility verticals under "Accessible India Campaign".

(vi) The National Scholarship Portal has been launched so that the prospective beneficiaries can avail the benefits of the scholarship schemes of the Department.

(vii) The Department is also implementing a scheme of In-service-training & sensitisation, with the objective to impart training to key functionaries of the central / state Government & Other service on the issue of empowerment of Divyangjan.

(c) to (e): The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) has launched the National Action Plan for skill training of persons with disabilities, in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 21st March 2015. Under the scheme, financial assistance (grant-in-aid) is provided to training partners for conducting skill training of Divyangjans though approved trades/courses by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. These courses mainly relate to the Sectors like Information Technology, Hospitality, Apparel, etc.

Skilling of Divyangjans in various trades/courses is also undertaken by the 7 National Institutes (NIs) and National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) (a PSU under the Department).

Ministry of Labour & Employment is also having 21 Vocational Rehabilitation Centers exclusively for skill training of Divyangjans. A statement indicating no. of such centres state-wise is at Annexure I.

Under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme of the Department grant in aid is also provided to Non-Governmental Organisations under one of the model projects (Vocational Training Centres) A statement indicating no. of such organizations state-wise is at Annexure II.

NHFDC has set up a skill training centre for Divyangjans at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh during the current year.

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